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user; and

ii) allowing a second user to program a second set of buttons to perform a second set of functions, different from the first set, when later actuated by the second user.

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Decision on Appeal mailed on March 24, 2006.

Claims 1 - 10, 21, 22, and 24 - 41 are pending, with all claims allowed by the Board, except claims 1 and 24, which are newly rejected based on Cragun.

Claims 1 and 24 have been amended to recite the presence of push buttons. Cragun does not show that, but instead shows tactile markers 31 - 33 having Braille writing.

SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS

Support for the following recitations in the amendments are found in the Specification at the following locations.

- Recitation of push buttons - page 6, line 7.
- Recitation of extending through surface - page 2, bottom.
- Recitation of lack of display - page 5,

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lines 5 and 6.

-- Recitation of depressable push button -
page 6, line 24.

COMMENT 1

Some claims state that the user can program the function which a push button performs. That is not seen in Cragun.

COMMENT 2

It could be argued that Cragun shows "push buttons" in the sense that he shows labels 31 - 33, which are pressed. It could be argued that the labels are "buttons" and, since they are pressed, they are "pushed" "buttons," or "push buttons."

However, Applicant submits that most, if not all, definitions of the term "push" include a concept of motion. Cragun's labels 31 - 33 do not move, because they are attached to a glass screen 30.

Further, Applicant's Specification, page 2, line 19, refers to a "push button, a key, or such like." Applicant submits that this implies a movable button. Further, the Specification, page 6, line 24 refers to a "push button being depressed." That clearly refers to a movable button.


Applicant therefore offers to add the recitation of "movable" to the added terms "push buttons," if the Examiner so requests.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant requests that the rejections to the claims be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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